IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE R.BASANT

WEDNESDAY, THE 22ND AUGUST 2007 / 31ST SRAVANA 1929

Bail Appl..No. 5138 of 2007()

CRMP.4843/2007 of J.M.F.C.-II,PATHANAMTHITTA
O.R.NO.47/2007 OF THE KONNI EXCISE RANGE

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PETITIONER/ACCUSED:

RAVEENDRAN, S/O. NARAYANAN,
PALANILKUNNATHIL, EDAKANNAM, THANNITHODE,
PATHANAMTHITTA DISTRICT.

BY ADV. SRI.ABRAHAM SAMSON

RESPONDENTS: STATE:

THE STATE OF KERALA,
REPRESENTED BY THE EXCISE INSPECTOR,
KONNI EXCISE RANGE - THROUGH THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT OF KERALA, ERNAKULAM, KOCHI-31.

BY PUBLIC PROSECUTOR SRI.S.U.NAZER

THIS BAIL APPLICATION HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 22/08/2007, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY PASSED THE FOLLOWING:

R.BASANT, J.

B.A.No.5138 of 2007

Dated this the 22nd day of August 2007

O R D E R

Application for regular bail. The petitioner faces allegations under the Kerala Abkari Act. The petitioner was allegedly found to be in possession of 5 litres of arrack on 04/08/2007. He was arrested and continues in custody from that date. He has three other cases under the Kerala Abkari Act also pending against him, submits the learned Public Prosecutor.

2. The learned counsel for the petitioner prays, the learned Public Prosecutor does not oppose the said prayer on condition that the investigating officer is granted reasonable further time to complete the investigation and I am satisfied that regular bail can be granted to the petitioner subject to appropriate conditions.

3. In the result, this petition is allowed. The petitioner can now be enlarged on bail on the following terms and conditions:

i) The petitioner shall not be released on bail on the strength of this order prior to 25/08/2007. The police shall, in the meantime, make every endeavour to complete the investigation.

ii) He shall execute a bond for Rs.75,000/- (Rupees seventy five thousand only) with two solvent sureties each for the like sum to the satisfaction of the learned Magistrate.

iii) The petitioner shall make himself available for interrogation before the investigating officer between 10 a.m and 12 noon on all Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for a period of two months and thereafter as and when directed by the investigating officer in writing to do so.

(R.BASANT, JUDGE)

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R.BASANT, J.

CRL.M.CNo.

ORDER

21ST DAY OF MAY2007